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SUBJECT: US FUEL FOR ARGENTINE LOAN OF REACTOR TO PERU

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1. FOR LIMA. YOU MAY WISH TO CONTACT PERUVIAN MFA NUCLEAR
ENERGY OFFICER MAX DE LA FUENTE IN RESPONSE TO FUENTE/REED
TELCON OF DECEMBER 22 (PARA 1 OF REFTTEL B), AND REITERATE
MESSAGE OF PARA 1 OF REFTTEL A.

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2. FOR BUENOS AIRES. PLEASE CONTACT DR. COLL OF CNEA AND
CONVEY THE FOLLOWING RE PARA 2 OF REFTTEL B AND COLL/
NOSENZO TELCON OF DECEMBER 22:

(A) THE RETRANSFER OF US-SUPPLIED NUCLEAR MATERIAL FROM
ARGENTINA TO A THIRD COUNTRY, IN THIS CASE PERU, MUST BE
PURSUANT TO AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH THE US.

SINCE THE US HAS NO EXISTING AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WITH PERU, THE ONLY OTHER VEHICLE IS UNDER THE US/IAEA AGREEMENT. THIS REQUIRES THAT A PROJECT AGREEMENT AS PROVIDED FOR UNDER ARTICLE XI OF THE STATUTE BE ENTERED INTO INVOLVING THE US FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE MATERIAL FIRST FROM ARGENTINA TO THE IAEA AND THEN

IN TURN FROM THE IAEA TO PERU PURSUANT TO THE US/IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. WHILE THIS PROCEDURE SEEMS INVOLVED, IT IS A PAPER TRANSACTION. THE PROJECT AGREEMENT CAN BE NEGOTIATED AND COMPLETED MUCH FASTER THAN A NEW US/PERU BILATERAL AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WHICH MUST LIE BEFORE THE US CONGRESS FOR 60 DAYS AFTER PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL.

(B) WITH REGARD TO QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS, THIS WOULD BE DEALT WITH THROUGH THE NEGOTIATION BY PERU OF A SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY (NPT). WE UNDERSTAND (PER REFTEL C) THAT PERU HAS "SIGNED" AN NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT AND HAS FORWARDED IT TO THE IAEA PRESUMABLY FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING. WE EARNESTLY HOPE TO HAVE A NEGOTIATED QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT READY FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD AT THE SAME MEETING. VANCE

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